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SUBJECT: GHANA AND DAHOMEY ENDORSE NON-LINGUISTICALLY
BASED WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

1. GHANAIAN AMBASSADOR, WILLIAM LIX TSITSIWU, RESIDENT IN
LOME BUT ACCREDITED IN DAHOMEY AS WELL, PRESENTED HIS
CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT KEREKOU JULY 9. THEME OF
AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS WAS IDENTITY OF GHANAIAN AND DAHOMEAN
INTERESTS, AND NEED TO ESTABLISH A "WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY" WHICH INCLUDES THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE CITED
HISTORIC CLOSE RELATIONS BASED ON COMMON ETHNIC AND
CULTURAL ORIGINS. ALSO MENTIONED FACT THAT GHANA NOW
IMPORTS CONSUMABLE OILS FROM DAHOMEY, AND LATTER IS RECEIVING
ELECTRIC POWER FROM GHANA'S AKOSSOMBO DAM.

2. IN REPLY, PRESIDENT KEREKOU CONFIRMED MRGD POLICY OF
"WORKING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A VIABLE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,
WHICH TRANSCENDS LINGUISTIC BARRIERS BUT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT
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GEOGRAPHIC, ETHNIC AND CULTURAL FACTORS EXISTING BETWEEN

THE PEOPLES OF A REGION OR OF A SUB-REGION."

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